AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims supersedes all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic tire comprising:

a radial carcass of at least one rubberized cord ply toroidally extending between a pair of bead cores;

a belt superimposed about a crown portion of the carcass and having at least two belt layers, the belt layers including

(a) a maximum-width belt layer containing a plurality of cords slantly arranged with respect to an equatorial plane of the tire, and

(b) a narrow-width belt layer arranged at the outside of the maximum-width belt layer in the radial direction and containing a plurality of cords arranged in an oppositely inclined direction to the cords of the maximum-width belt layer;

a tread arranged at an outside of the belt in a radial direction; [[and]]

a reinforcing layer, which contains a plurality of cords arranged in an oppositely inclined direction to the cords of the maximum-width belt layer, arranged to overlap with an outer end portion of the maximum-width belt layer, the reinforcing layer being located outward from an outer end of the narrow-width belt layer in the widthwise direction of the narrow-width belt layer, and

a cushion rubber interposed between a widthwise outer end portion of the maximum-width belt layer and a widthwise outer end portion of the narrow-width belt layer and having substantially a triangular shape at a section and a maximum gauge at a widthwise outer end of the narrow-width belt layer,

wherein the cords of the reinforcing layer are organic fiber cords and the reinforcing layer is arranged at the outside of the maximum-width belt layer in the radial direction.

7. (Original) A pneumatic radial tire according to claim 6, wherein the widthwise inner end of the reinforcing layer is located at the outside of the narrow-width belt layer in the radial direction and inward from the widthwise outer end thereof in the widthwise direction, and the widthwise outer end of the reinforcing layer is located outward from the widthwise outer end of the maximum-width belt layer in the widthwise direction.

8. (Previously Presented) A pneumatic radial tire according to claim 6, wherein an inclination angle C of the cords embedded in the reinforcing layer is not less than 7° with respect to the equatorial plane.

Please add the following new claim 9:

9. (New) A pneumatic tire comprising:

a radial carcass of at least one rubberized cord ply toroidally extending between a pair of bead cores;

a belt superimposed about a crown portion of the carcass and having at least two belt layers, the belt layers including

(a) a maximum-width belt layer containing a plurality of cords slantly arranged with respect to an equatorial plane of the tire, and

(b) a narrow-width belt layer arranged at the outside of the maximum-width belt layer in the radial direction and containing a plurality of cords arranged in an oppositely inclined direction to the cords of the maximum-width belt layer;

(c) a minimum-width belt layer arranged at the outside of the narrow-width belt layer in the radial direction and adjacent thereto and containing a plurality of cords arranged in an oppositely inclined direction to the cord of the narrow-width belt layer;

a tread arranged at an outside of the belt in a radial direction;

a reinforcing layer, which contains a plurality of cords arranged in an oppositely inclined direction to the cords of the maximum-width belt layer, arranged to overlap with an outer end portion of the maximum-width belt layer, the reinforcing layer being located outward from an outer end of the narrow-width belt layer in the widthwise direction of the narrow-width belt layer, and a cushion rubber interposed between a widthwise outer end portion of the maximum-width belt layer and a widthwise outer end portion of the narrow-width belt layer and having substantially a triangular shape at a section and a maximum gauge at a widthwise outer end of the narrow-width belt layer,

wherein the cords of the reinforcing layer are organic fiber cords and the reinforcing layer is arranged at the outside of the maximum-width belt layer in the radial direction and a width-wise inner end of the reinforcing layer is extended up to the vicinity of a widthwise outer end of the minimum-width belt layer.